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MINUTES OF JANUARY SESSION.

Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1880, first day of the first session of the thirty-first County Council.

Pursuant to notice, the thirty-first County Council of the corporation of the County of Norfolk met for the despatch of business. The members elected to represent the interests of the minor Municipalities, were called to order by the County Clerk, who proceeded to call the roll of the Municipalities in alphabetical order, examining the credentials of the members of the same as they occur in the following order, viz :

MUNICIPALITIES.	NAMES of MEMBERS.	OFFICE.	CERTIFIED BY
Charlotteville	Daniel A. McCall	Reeve	John Machon
do	William Cowan	Dep. Reeve	do
do	Joseph Dunkin	do	do
Houghton	Charles Dickinson	Reeve	George Bundy
Middleton	John Ostrander	do	John C. H. Herron
do	Roger Crysler	Dep. Reeve	do
Simcoe (Town of)	Thos. W. Walsh	Reeve	W. W. Livingstone
do	Thos. Coates, Sen.	Dep. Reeve	do
Port Dover (Village of)	Ozias Ansley	Reeve	Thos. M. England
Townsend	Henry J. Barber	do	Lyman N. Collver
do	John D. Smith	Dep. Reeve	do
do	Isaac G. Wyckoff	do	do
Walsingham	William Anderson	Reeve	John Phelan
do	John Campbell	Dep. Reeve	do
do	David Boughner	do	do
Waterford (Village of)	Nelson Green	Reeve	Lyman N. Collver
Windham	Chas. Robertson	do	Robert Green
do	Robert Watson	Dep. Reeve	do
do	Jas. D. Clement	do	do
Woodhouse	John Alexander	Reeve	Thos. M. England
do	David J. Wyckoff	Dep. Reeve	do

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Barber,

Ordered,

That Thomas W. Walsh, Esq., Reeve of the Town of Simcoe be, and he is hereby elected Warden of this County for the current year.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Alexander,

Ordered.

That this Council do now adjourn for half an hour, and the Council adjourned for the purpose of having the Warden make his declaration of office, which was done before His Honor the County Judge.

The Clerk read the Warden's declaration of office.

The Warden before assuming the chair, thanked the council for the honor conferred upon him by being elected by that body Warden for the current year.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. I. G. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That Messrs. Ostrander, Green, Robertson, Alexander, and Barber be a committee to select the standing sessional committees.

Mr. Barber read the report of the said committe.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Campbell,

Ordered,

That the report of the committee on sessional committees be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :

Your committee appointed to recommend the sessional committees beg leave to report, that the committee

ON FINANCE

be composed of :

Messrs. Ostrander, Robertson, Barber, Anderson, Dickinson, McCall, Green, Ansley, Alexander, Smith, Watson and the Warden.

ON EDUCATION.

Messrs. Smith, Green, Alexander, Coates, Ansley, Anderson, and Crysler.

ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Messrs. I. G. Wyckoff, Robertson, Clement, Coates, Cowan, and D. J. Wyckoff.

ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Messrs. I. G. Wyckoff, Anderson, Campbell, Dunkin, and Watson.

ON POOR HOUSE & INDUSTRIAL FARM.

Messrs. Barber, Ostrander, Dickinson, Anderson, McCall, Clement, Ansley, the Warden, and Boughner.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.
NELSON GREEN,
CHARLES ROBERTSON,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
JOHN OSTRANDER.

No. 5. On Motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That the report of the committee appointed to engage a master and matron for the Poor House be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :

SIMCOE, January 26th, 1880.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Norfolk.

GENTLEMEN :—We, your Committee appointed to engage a Master and Matron to take charge of the Poor House and Industrial Farm, beg leave to report that after

carefully examining into the various applications, we would recommend that Mr. John Coates and wife be employed, we believing that they, from appearances and recommendation, are well qualified to fill the positions of Master and Matron.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. CRYSLER,
L. H. HUNT.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. I. G. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That no action be taken upon the various applications presented to this Council for the offices of master and matron of the Poor House, inasmuch as the master and matron have already been appointed by the committee appointed for that purpose.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. D. J. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the report of the Inspector and Overseer of the Poor House be referred to the committee on the Poor House and Industrial Farm with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the application of Lieut.-Col. Otter. Secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association, be referred to the Committee on Finance,with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Ansley, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That the report of the County Surveyor be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Cowan,

Ordered,

That the communication from the County Clerk of Haldimand be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to report by bill or otherwise.

No. 11. On Motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Smith,

Ordered,

That the account of Messrs. Tisdale, Livingstone, Robb & Jackson be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Boughner,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow, and the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

Wednesday, 28th of January, 1880, second day of the first regular session of the thirty-first County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. the Warden, Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Green, Alexander, D. J. Wyckoff, Robertson, Watson, Ansley, Ostrander, Crysler, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Coates, Anderson, Campbell and Boughner.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Warden read communications which were laid on the table.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Ansley, seconded by Mr. McCall,

Ordered,

That William Sharpe and James Riddell, Esq.'s, be auditors for the current year, the former being the nominee of the Warden.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff (in amendment), seconded by Mr. Coates,

Ordered,

That Messrs. William Sharpe and William Finlay be and they are hereby appointed County auditors for the current year, the former being the nominee of the Warden.

Debates arose thereon, and a division being called, the motion in amendment was lost by the casting vote of the Warden.

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Green, D. J. Wyckoff, Coates, Campbell, Boughner and Anderson—9

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Robertson, Watson, Ansley, Crysler, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, and Dickinson—9

Then motion No. 1 being brought up, it was also lost by a majority of one.

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Robertson, Watson, Ansley, Crysler, McCall, Cowan Dunkin and Dickinson.—9

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Green, D. J. Wyckoff, Coates, Campbell, Boughner, Anderson and Ostrander.—10.

No. 3 On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Barber,

Ordered,

That Messrs. William Sharpe and L. H. Slaght, be appointed auditors for the present year, the former being the nominee of the Warden.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Ansley, (in amendment) seconded by Mr. McCall,

Ordered,

That William Sharpe and Lawrence Skey, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors for the current year, the former being the nominee of the Warden.

A division being called, motion No. 4, in amendment, was carried by a majority of two.

YEAS—Messrs. Robertson, Watson, Ansley, Ostrander, Crysler, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson and Boughner—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Green, Alexander, D. J. Wyckoff, Campbell and Anderson—8.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Alexander,

Ordered,

That the presentment of the Grand Jury be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Alexander,

Ordered,

That the several accounts of Dr. J. J. Wadsworth, Inspector of Schools, and others, be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Ansley, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered,

That the reports from the Simcoe and Port Dover High Schools be referred to the Committee on Education, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise, also including the Port Rowan School matter.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That agreeable to the request of the Clerk of the County of Lambton, the Clerk be requested to send him a copy of the Detailed Statement containing the receipts and expenses of the Poor House and Industrial Farm.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. D. J. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, Barber and Green be a committee to enquire into the sufficiency of the sub-Treasurers' bonds of the minor municipalities for school moneys given to this corporation ; also the bond given by the County Treasurer, and report to this Council.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Crysler,

Ordered,

That The Warden and L. H. Hunt, Esq., with the County Judge be, and they are hereby appointed Auditors of accounts for the General Session of the Peace for the current year.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Duncan,

Ordered,

That the circular and petition of the united Counties of Northumberland and Durham be referred to a committee of the whole Council with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Barber,

Ordered,

That The Warden is hereby requested to memorialize the Provincial Parliament of Ontario embodying the tenor of resolution No. 4, of the 4th December last.

No. 13. On motion of Mr. Anderson, (in amendment) seconded by Mr. Campbell,

Ordered,

The motion to adopt a memorial to the Government in regard to High Schools be not carried out, and the Warden be instructed to sign a memorial only, in reference to the rural school sections. Debates arose thereon and a division being called, the motion, No. 13, was lost by a majority of eight.

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Ansley, Anderson and Campbell—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Robertson, Watson, Ostrander, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Coates and Boughner—12.

Then the original motion, No. 12, was carried by a majority of seven.

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Robertson, Watson, Ostrander, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Coates and Boughner.—12

NAYS—Messrs. Green, Alexander, Ansley, Anderson and Campbell.—5.

No. 14. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Ostrander,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow, and the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

Thursday, 29th January, 1880, third day of the first regular session of the Thirty-first County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz.:

Messrs. The Warden, Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Green, Alexander, D. J. Wyckoff, Robertson, Watson, Clement, Ansley, Ostrander, Crysler, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Coates, Anderson, Campbell, Boughner.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Boughner,

Ordered,

That the report of the Arbitrators in the matter of Appeal of School Section No. 20, in the Township of Townsend, be referred to the Committee on Education, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That Samuel Thomas Potts, Esq., be and he is hereby appointed sub-treasurer of school monies for the Township of Woodhouse, to take effect upon his giving satisfactory security; and that the corporate seal of this County be attached to this resolution to give it the effect and force of a By-law, and that the 24th rule of this council be dispensed with so far as it relates to this resolution.

BY-LAW NO. 220.

Attest,
JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,
County of Norfolk.

L.S.

T. W. WALSH,
Warden.

Mr. Barber, brought up the report of the special committee on sub-treasurers bonds.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Smith,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

The undersigned Special Committee, have carefully examined into the sufficiency of the various bonds given by the sub-treasurers of school monies for the different minor municipalities; also the bond of the County Treasurer, and have much pleasure in reporting that we find them all satisfactory, being properly executed, with good and sufficient sureties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.
T. W. WALSH,
NELSON GREEN.

Committee Room, 29th Jan. 1880.

Mr. Coates brought up a report from the Committee on Public Buildings, on the report of the County Surveyor.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your committee on Public Buildings beg leave to report that they have examined the work done to the Gaol kitchen, the alteration required to give an additional room to the Deputy Clerk of the Crown, the alteration for the convenience of the Petit Juror and the chairs required for them, etc., and find the work satisfactory and would recommend the payment thereof.

THOMAS COATES, Chairman.
CHARLES ROBERTSON,
I. G. WYCKOFF,
D. J. WYCKOFF,
WM. COWAN,
JAMES D. CLEMENT.

Committee Room, 28th Jan. 1880.

Mr. Coates brought up the second report of the Committee on Public Buildings, on the report of the Grand Jury.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your committee have considered the report of the Grand Jury, and have examined the Gaol, and think it quite sufficient, and have also examined the seats of the Petit Jurors, referred to, and cannot see that any alteration is required.

THOMAS COATES, Chairman,
I. G. WYCKOFF,
WM. COWAN,
CHAS. ROBERTSON,
JAS. D. CLEMENT.

Committee Room, 29th January, 1880.

Mr. Barber brought up the first report of the Committee on Finance on the account of Messrs. Tisdale, Livingstone, Robb & Jackson.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered.

That the report of the Finance Committee as to the accounts of Messrs. Tisdale, Livingstone, Robb & Jackson, be adopted, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheque in their favor to cover the amount, viz ; ($119.91) one hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-one cents.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :

Your Committee to whom was referred the above mentioned account of Messrs. Tisdale, Livingstone, Robb & Jackson, beg leave to report that they have considered the same and would recommend that the account be paid.

H. J. BARER, Chairman,
CHAS. ROBERTSON,
NELSON GREEN,
WM. ANDERSON,
JOHN ALEXANDER.

Committee Room, 26th January, 1880.

Mr. D. J. Wyckoff brought up the second report of the Committee on Finance, on the application of Lieut.-Col. Otter, Secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. D. J. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Alexander,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :

[illegible] to whom was referred the application of the Ontario Rifle Association [illegible] of the opinion that if it has been found advisable to encourage the said Association the expenses should be provided by the Government.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.
NELSON GREEN,
CHARLES ROBERTSON,
JOHN OSTRANDER,
CHARLES DICKINSON,
JOHN D. SMITH,
WILLIAM ANDERSON,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
DANIEL A. McCALL.

Committee Room, 28th January, 1880.

Mr. McCall brought the report of the Committee on the Poor House and Industrial Farm, on the report of the Inspector.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :

Your Committee appointed on the Poor House and Industrial Farm beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the report of the Inspector and would recommend that the Superintendent procure the pickets and lumber necessary for extending the fence as suggested, and if found absolutely necessary, to have a door put in the partition between the male and female sleeping rooms. We would further recommend that the Superintendent be authorized to put out for adoption any children that may be in the Poor House without parents or relations. We would also recommend that a residence within the County of twelve months instead of six, be necessary for applicants to be admitted to the Poor House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL A. McCALL, Chairman,
CHARLES DICKINSON,
D. BOUGHNER,
O. ANSLEY,
T. W. WALSH,
WM. ANDERSON,
H. J. BARBER,
JAS. D. CLEMENT,
JOHN OSTRANDER.

Committee Room, January 29th, 1880.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Ansley, seconded by Mr. Boughner,

Ordered,

That the following gentlemen be and are hereby appointed Trustees for the different High Schools, viz :

Simcoe High School—William Wallace, Esq., M. P.

Port Dover High School—H. B. Harding, Esq.

Port Rowan High School—Dr. George Stewart and John E. Stearns, Esq.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That this Council do now go into a committee of the whole, upon the various matters referred for their consideration. And the Council went into a committee of the whole at 4 o'clock, p. m., Mr. Barber in the Chair ; rose at 4.40 o'clock, p. m.

No. 11. Mr. Alexander gives notice that he will on to-morrow introduce a resolution advising a grant of $300 to aid those in distress in Ireland.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Barber,
Ordered,
That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a.m.
And the Council adjourned accordingly.
Attest,
JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

Friday, 30th January, 1880, fourth day of the first regular session of the thirty-first County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.
The Warden in the Chair.
The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz :
Messrs. The Warden, Barber, I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Green, Alexander, D. J. Wyckoff, Robertson, Watson, Clement, Ansley, Ostrander, Crysler, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Dickinson, Coates, Anderson, Campbell, and Boughner.
No. 1. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. I. G. Wyckoff,
Ordered,
That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.
No. 2. On motion of Mr. Ansley, seconded by Mr. Crysler,
Ordered,
That the report of the Auditors be received and adopted, and that the Warden be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his cheque on the County Treasurer in favor of the claimants for the different amounts allowed.
Mr. Barber brought up the third report of the Committee on Finance on Dr. J. J. Wadsworth's accounts and others.
No. 3. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Cowan,
Ordered,
That the said report be received and adopted ; and that the Warden is hereby authorized to issue his cheque on the Treasurer for the various amounts, to the parties mentioned.
The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :
Your Committee have examined the various accounts of the Port Rowan and Port Dover High Schools as certified by the Inspector, the expense account of the Inspector, and the account of E. M. Crysler, Esq., for services rendered in committee to select a Master and Matron for the Poor House and Industrial Farm, and would recommend the payment of the same as follows, viz :

Port Rowan High School, expenses for entrance examination,.....	$16 00
Port Dover do do do	28 11
School Inspector's expense account,.....	70 64
E. M. Crysler, Esq., for services,.....	8 00
Total,.....	$122 75

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. J. BARBER, Chairman,
C. ROBERTSON,
DANIEL A. McCALL,
T. W. WALSH,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
OZIAS ANSLEY,
JOHN OSTRANDER,
JOHN D. SMITH,
ROBERT WATSON.

Committee Room, 30th January, 1880.

Mr. Green brought up the fourth report of the Committee on Finance on the communication of the County Clerk of the County of Haldimand.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. D. J. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the report of the Committee on Finance, on the communication from the clerk of the County of Haldimand be adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this report.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :

Your committee to whom the above reference was addressed, after investigation, beg to report as follows :

That it appears from the returns made by the Sheriff for the County of Norfolk, that the cost of supplies furnished prisoners for the quarter ending September 30th, 1877, and December 31st, 1877, respectively, was as follows :

3rd Quarter, County of Norfolk prisoners, 535 days,.....					$ 92 70	
3rd	do	do	Haldimand	383	.....	$47 33
4th	do	do	Norfolk	946	.... 114 05	
4th	do	do	Haldimand	79	.....	5 23
Total supplies furnished Haldimand prisoners,.....						$52 56
It also appears that the County of Norfolk has received from Government for supplies furnished Haldimand prisoners committed on account of indictable offences for 389 days, amounting to..						35 00
Leaving a balance due County of Norfolk, for supplies furnished Haldimand prisoners committed for offences less than indictable of $17.56.						17 56

Your Committee would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to forward the above statement to the Council of the County of Haldimand, requesting the payment of the said balance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman,
NELSON GREEN,
JOHN OSTRANDER,
CHAS. DICKINSON,
DAN'L A. McCALL,
JOHN ALEXANDER.

Committee Room, 29th January, 1880.

Mr. Alexander brought up the report of the Committee on Education on the appeal of School Section No. 20, Townsend.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. D. J. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Ansley,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz :

Your Committee beg to report, that the report of the arbitrators on the matter

of appeal of School Section No. 20 in the Township of Townsend be laid over until next session of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELSON GREEN, Chairman,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
ROGER CRYSLER,
JOHN D. SMITH,
WM. ANDERSON,
THOS. COATES.

Committee Room, 30th January, 1880.

Mr. Barber brought up a report of the Committee of the whole on some communications referred to it.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Alexander,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

Your Committee of the whole have carefully examined the communication of the united Counties of Northumberland and Durham requesting the co-operation of this Council in memorializing the Government to amend the law as to have an auditor or auditors appointed by Government during pleasure, allowing the County Councils to appoint one auditor instead of two as formerly.

That this Council do not approve of the proposed amendment of the Law, as it would, in all probability add to the expense without increasing the efficiency.

Your Committee have also considered the communication of the Council of the County of Bruce, asking our co-operation and assistance in procuring a stringent act for the purpose of punishing tramps, and would recommend that the Clerk be recommended to reply to the said communication, sending a copy of the resolution formerly passed by this Council, relating to tramps; which, if rigidly enforced against genuine tramps as to the allowance for meals, would go far towards relieving the community of this nuisance without working to the detriment of the unfortunate poor.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.

Committee Room, 29th January, 1880.

Mr. Green brought up the report of the Committee on Education on the High Schools of the County.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

Your Committee to whom was referred the above order, after careful investigation, beg to report as follows:

(1st.) As to financial operations of the respective High Schools submitted,

We find that the Simcoe High School has received from the Government and County respectively,

	GOV'M'T.	COUNTY.	TOTAL.
For the year 1877,.....	$552 00	$552 00	$1104 00
For the year 1878,.....	524 83	524 83	1049 66
For the year 1879,.....	602 50	602 50	1205 00

The expenditure for the same term for High School purposes solely, are not made to appear definitely, as the sums expended for school accommodation, viz:

Fuel, repairs, janitors, fees, &c., are not in detail; the only items appearing as solely for High School purposes being the salary for teachers, viz., $1,550 per annum; deducting the grants from this amount, it shows a sum of $446 only, as rais-

in the year 1877 from local sources for High School purposes, indicating a deficit of $106, below the amount required by Section 30, Chap. 205 of the High School Act. For 1878 a deficit appears of $24.49, and for 1879 a deficit of $257 also appears.

How far these deficits have been covered by sums raised for High School purposes solely, in the way of prizes paid, printing, stationery, and school requisites, your Committee are unable to say.

The Port Dover High School shows details only for the years 1877-8 and 1878-9, in which it appears that

	GOV'M'T.	COUNTY.	TOTAL.
The School received in 1877-8.....	$484 50	$423 25	$ 907 75
The School received in 1878-9.....	597 00	557 25	1154 25

The expenditure for High School purposes solely are, for 1878 $1,150, and for 1879 $1,250, showing a deficit as above for 1877-8 of $242.30, and for 1878-9 of $501.25.

In other words the Port Dover High School raised from local sources, for High School purposes only, for the year 1878-9, the sum of $95.75.

As to other matters connected with the schools, we find that in the Simcoe High School the average attendance for 1877 was 41 ; for 1878, 39 ; for 1879, 40.

That the average cost per pupil was for 1877, $48.78 ; for 1878, $51.28 ; for 1879, $50.

That the average cost to the County for 1877 was $13.46 ; for 1878, $13.45 ; for 1879, $15.

For the Port Dover High School the average attendance for 1877 was 19½ ; for 1878. 33 ; for 1879, 44½.

The average cost per pupil was for 1877, $62.47 ; for 1878, $38.56 ; for 1879, $31.16.

The average cost to the County for 1877 was $20.50 ; for 1878, $12.82 ; for 1879, $12.50.

Both Schools, viz : Simcoe and Port Dover, deserve much credit for the large number of pupils who have passed the various examinations. In detail it appears that from the Simcoe High School there passed,

In 1877, ...	Law Examination, ...	1.
do	Intermediate do	3.
do	3rd Class Certificate.....	12.

In addition to the above two gentlemen passed the Law Examination who, although former pupils of the School, received only private instruction in 1877.

In 1878, ...	Law Examination, ...	2.
do	In Medicine, ...	1.
do	In Arts, ...	1.
do	Intermediate	2.
do	3rd Class	9.
In 1879, ...	Law	2.
do	In Medicine	1.
do	Intermediate	2.
do	3rd Class	8.

The Simcoe High School likewise reports the pupils who have passed the Model School examinations and have been licensed as teachers to be,

In 1877,.....	34.
In 1878,.....	29.
In 1879,.....	32.

Claiming that they were entirely instructed in the High School and by the High School Masters.

From the Port Dover High School there were passed,

In 1877, ...	3rd Class	3.
In 1878, ...	2nd Class and Intermediate,....	9.
do	3rd Class, ...	4.

In 1878, ... Law ..... 1.
In 1879, ... 3rd Class ..... 2.
do ..... Intermediate ..... 2.
do .. Matriculation for Toronto University, 10.

At the above examination for Matriculation, one young lady obtained 1st Class honors in mathematics, and four others 2nd Class honors in various departments.

Your Committee are unable to report on the Port Rowan High School, as the statement asked for by the resolution of your Council was not furnished.

Your Committee would recommend that this report be filed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELSON GREEN, Chairman,
JOHN D. SMITH,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
WILLIAM ANDERSON,
THOS. COATES,
ROGER CRYSLER.

Committee Room, 30th January, 1880.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That the Treasurer's report be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference, and that 300 copies of the detailed statement of the Treasurer's accounts for 1879 be published in pamphlet form for distribution.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Cowan,

Ordered,

That Messrs. the Warden, I. G. Wyckoff, and O. Ansley are hereby appointed a committee to advertise for and receive tenders, and enter into contract for the County printing for the current year.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Smith,

Ordered,

That a copy of the minutes of this session, together with the detailed statement be forwarded to each member of this Council at least one month previous to the June session.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Ansley,

Ordered,

That this Council having learned, with regret, of the dire distress now existing in Ireland, threatening to assume the character of a famine, do grant the sum of two hundred dollars in aid of such distress ; and the Warden be empowered to forward the same to the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. Ostrander, (in amendment) seconded by Mr. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the motion to grant two hundred dollars to aid the Irish sufferers, do not now pass, but be laid over to the June Session of this Council for future consideration.

Debates arose thereon and a division being called, the motion in amendment was lost by a majority of 10.

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Robertson, Clement, Ostrander, and Crysler—5.

NAYS—Messrs. I. G. Wyckoff, Smith, Green, Alexander, D. J. Wyckoff, Watson, Ansley, McCall, Cowan, Dunkin, Coates, Dickinson, Anderson, Campbell and Boughner—15.

The original motion was then carried without a division.

No. 13. On motion of Mr. I. G. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of June next.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk, County of Norfolk.